GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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TOLL TAX ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to levy toll tax on all the four lane National Highways, bye-passes and major bridges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the additional income estimated to be earned therefrom;

(d) whether the Government also propose to invite investment from the private sector for BOT based project ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) & (b) Levy of user fee on four lane National Highways, bypasses and bridges is proposed as under :

(i) Conversion of existing two lane National Highway Sections into four lane facility.

(ii) All bridges costing more than Rs. 100 lakh each completed and opened to traffic after 1st May, 1992 but before 4th December, 2001 and all bridges costing more than Rs. 500 lakh each completed on or after 4th December, 2001.

(iii) All four lane projects, bridges and bypasses taken up on BOT.

(c) Since most of the projects proposed for levy of user fee are under implementation, it is too early to estimate the additional income from user fee. During 2001-2002 (upto Feb. 2002), an amount of Rs. 115.58 crore was collected from user fee on National Highway projects excluding projects taken up on BOT for which user fee isretained by the entrepreneur.

(d) & (e) The Government already has a policy for participation of private sector in the development and maintenance of National Highways on BOT basis. 29 projects costing about Rs. 4600 crore have been undertaken on BOT.